

REMARKS

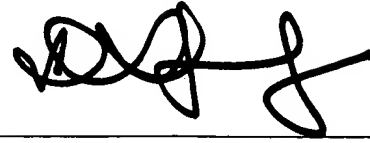
In 9/2/2004 office action, Examiner rejects under 35USC103a claims 20, 22-23, 24-27, 28-31 and 33 per Bornn et al. (US.PAT 5348008) and Kennedy III et al. (US.PAT 63011480); claims 35-27 per Bornn, Kennedy and Coli et al. (US.PAT 6018713); and claims 21, 32 and 34 per Bornn, Kennedy and David et al. (US.PAT 5544649).

Applicants amend independent claims 20, 31 and 33 to specify among other things “automatically corroborating the monitored vital sign with the observed location of the remote patient”. Thus as now claimed by Applicants, none of above cited references teaches or suggests such corroborated monitoring with observed location (per Specification support, page 21, lines 8-10.)

In particular, Bornn merely describes (columns 7-8) patient unit 1000, base station 4000 and dispatcher station 5000 for communicating certain alerts and commands for handling potentially life-threatening events; however, without any automatic corroboration of monitored vital signs with observed patient location, and especially for determining when an unsafe or unmonitored behavior or movement of the remote patient occurs or may likely occur.

Applicants submit that claims are in allowance condition, and respectfully request rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,



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